



New User-Friendly Online Research Catalog Unveiled

Researching the State of Iowa's vast collection of historic documents and artifacts, genealogical records, newspapers and images is now easier than ever, with just a few clicks of a button. The State Historical Society of Iowa has unveiled a unified, user-friendly **online catalog that provides greater access to the state's collection of more than 200 million pieces of Iowa history**, available to anyone with an internet connection, anywhere in the world. The **Iowa History Collections Catalog** culminates a major multi-year effort to increase public access to materials from the society's museum, libraries, archives and special collections.

This announcement offers a great way to start October, which is **American Archives Month** and **Family History Month**.

NEW EXPANDED HOURS: Beginning Oct. 20, visiting hours will expand to **9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday** at the State Historical Society of Iowa Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City.

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Iowa Arts & Culture Marketing Grants



Local historical societies, historic sites, museums and other cultural and arts organizations are encouraged to apply for the recently announced **Iowa Arts & Culture Marketing grants, which provide \$1,500 to \$20,000** in funding to publicize their reopening or resumption of activities, and to ensure a safe experience re-engaging in creative and cultural experiences. **Deadline: Oct. 11.**

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Humanities Project Grants



This new annual cycle of grants is available through a **National Endowment for the Humanities** award to the department, as Iowa's interim state humanities council partner.

Deadline: Nov. 1.

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New Board Members for State Historical Society of Iowa and Iowa Historical Foundation

The State Historical Society of Iowa welcomes new members to the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees and the Iowa Historical Foundation.



The following Iowans were appointed to serve three-year terms on the State Historical Society of Iowa board: **John Brown of Johnston, Kylie Dittmer of Chariton and Dawn Meyer of Manning.** **Christina Blackcloud of Tamawas** elected to a three-year term. The State Historical Society thanks **Bill Friedrichs of West Des Moines**, whose term ended in June.

The following Iowans were elected to serve three-year terms on the Iowa Historical Foundation board: **Ricki King of Windsor Heights, Beth Danowsky of Oskaloosa, Onnalee Kelley of Des Moines, Kylie Dittmer of Chariton, and Barb Wisnieski of Clive.** The Iowa Historical Foundation thanks **John Brown of Johnston and John Mickelson of West Des Moines**, whose terms ended in June.

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Mobile Museum to Visit Madison, Poweshiek Counties

Packed with 56 artifacts and videos that explore 13,000 years of Iowa history, the State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum is back on the road with a new exhibition called "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places.**" Iowans are invited to take complimentary self-guided tours of the exhibition at the following locations:



Winterset (Madison County)

Madison County Historical Complex

Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Malcom (Poweshiek County)

Sunset Hills Bison Ranch

Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Commemorate Iowa's 175 Anniversary of Statehood



Pop-up Displays

You can request a complimentary mail-order **pop-up display** about "**Iowa's People & Places**" that is free-standing, lightweight and easy to assemble. It's perfect for museums, historical societies, libraries, community centers and other public locations.

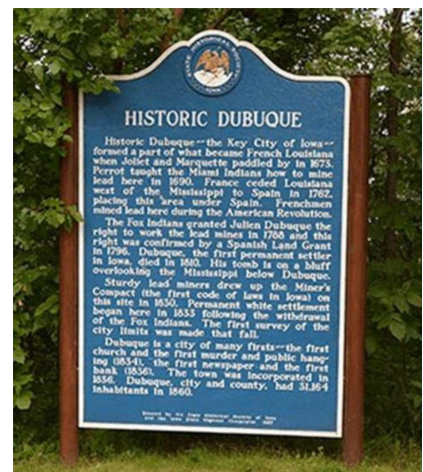
Exhibitors will receive a digital toolkit to help plan and promote related programs for adults, children and educators.

[REQUEST A DISPLAY](#)

State Historical Markers Grants

Grants are available to help communities create and install their own **historical markers to tell the stories of the people and places from Iowa's past**. With support from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, grants up to \$2,000 are available for the manufacture and shipment of a 2-by-3-foot cast aluminum historical marker. The program is open to all time periods and geographic areas of the state, and priority will be given to markers that focus on historically underrepresented groups.

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Coming Up Online

Iowa History 101: Iowa in the Jazz Age

Oct. 14, Noon

Join State Curator **Leo Landis** as he examines life in Iowa in the 1920s and early 1930s and various **conflicts concerning music, dancing, immigration, evolution and race**. He will discuss how these cultural clashes relate to longstanding trends in American society.



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Iowa History 101: The Poison Garden

Oct. 28, Noon

Join Iowa Artist Fellow **Molly Wood**, a Des Moines photographer and artist whose work is featured on the cover of 175th statehood anniversary issue of The Annals of Iowa, as she discusses her **botanical photographs that serve as metaphors for the natural cycles of life**, death, and rebirth, as well as the complexity of life experiences that can be part healing and part toxic.



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Iowa History 101: We Came Home Together

Nov. 4, Noon

Join **Dwain Coleman**, University of Iowa Ph.D. candidate and co-director of the Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project, as he discusses how **Black Civil War Veterans** of the 1st Iowa Regiment of African Descent (60th U.S. Colored Infantry) and their families used the goodwill obtained through their service to **fight for equal rights and social space in Iowa's communities**.

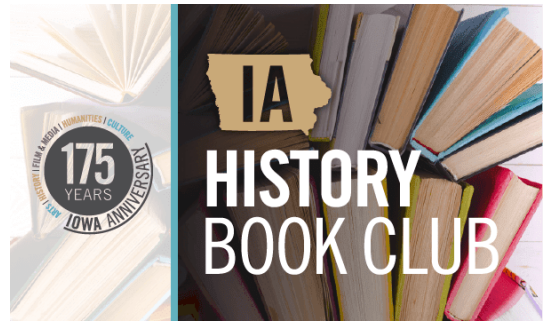


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Iowa Book Club: 'On Behalf of the Family Farm'

Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

When technology, depopulation, and rapid economic changes dramatically altered rural life over the last 80 years, Midwestern women met these challenges with their own feminine vision of farm life. Join Annals of Iowa editor **Andrew Klumpp** and author **Jenny Barker-Devine** for a discussion that will focus on an agrarian strain of feminism that offered an alternative to broader themes of second-wave feminism across the country.



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Iowa Stories: Past Programs

Did you miss the Iowa Stories presentation about the origins of Labor Day and its roots in the "Great Upheaval?" If so, you can [see the recorded video](#), with University of Iowa labor-history scholars **Shelton Stromquist** and **John McKerley**.



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State Archives

Curious about **historic records from Iowa's highest office**? The State Archives holds records from Iowa's first territorial governor, **Robert Lucas** (1838-1841), through Gov. **Terry Branstad** (2011-2017). Learn more and see how you can [access them](#) at the State Historical Research Center in Des Moines.

IOWA'S PREMIER CULTURAL EVENT
**CELEBRATE
IOWA** *Gala*

Save the Date: December 10

Iowa's statewide celebration of art, history, film and culture is back!

You won't want to miss the 10th annual celebration featuring Iowa cuisine, music, entertainment and, of course, Iowans like you! We hope you'll join us.

Friday, December 10
6 - 7 p.m. VIP Reception
7 - 11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala
Scottish Rite Consistory, Des Moines



On Dec. 28, Iowa will mark a major milestone: 175 years of statehood.

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to our [Celebrate Iowa newsletter](#).

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Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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